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## **Rep. Ross Statement on Health Care Reform**

Washington, DC - Today, Representative Mike Ross (D-AR), Chairman of the Blue Dog Health Care Task Force, issued the following statement:

"The Blue Dogs have played a constructive role throughout this important debate. We are talking about a monumental overhaul of our health care system that will affect the lives of every American citizen; it is critical that we get it right.

"We are not trying to kill health care reform. We are trying to save it. We are committed to providing the American people with the quality, affordable health care that they need and want, and we will continue to forge ahead in an honest effort to reach this goal."

*The fiscally conservative Democratic Blue Dog Coalition was formed in 1995 with the goal of representing the center of the House of Representatives and appealing to the mainstream values of the American public. The Blue Dogs are dedicated to a core set of beliefs that transcend partisan politics, including a deep commitment to the financial stability and national security of the United States. Currently there are 52 members of the Blue Dog Coalition. For more information, visit the Blue Dog Website at <http://www.house.gov/melancon/BlueDogs/>.*

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